

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

X is attached hereto.
— was filed on
— as U.S. Application Serial No.
— and (if applicable) was amended on
X was filed as PCT international application No. PCT/GB97/01971 on July 22, 1997.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, e1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, e119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any

foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Earliest foreign application(s), if any, filed within 12 months prior to this U.S. application:

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All foreign applications, if any, filed more than 12 months prior to this U.S. application:

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I also wish to note the existence of the following applications, if any, each of which was formally withdrawn prior to the expiration of its convention year, without having been laid open to public inspection and without leaving any rights outstanding, and from which no priority has been or can be claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, e120/365 of any United States application(s) listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP application) insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such United States application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under e1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**EXCLUSIVE SUBSTITUTE POWER OF ATTORNEY
AND EXCLUSIVE PROSECUTION HEREAFTER BY
ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71 AND 3.73**

Saffil Limited, being the owner of all right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney in this case, if any, and hereby appoints Nixon & Vanderhye, P.C., 1100 North Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714, telephone number (703) 816-4000, facsimile number (703) 816-4100, and the following attorneys thereof (of the same address) individually and collectively its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and with the resulting patent: Arthur R. Crawford, 25327; Larry S. Nixon, 25640; Robert A. Vanderhye, 27076; James T. Hosmer, 30184; Robert W. Faris, 31352; Richard G. Basha, 22770; Mark E. Nusbaum, 32348; Michael J. Keenan, 32106; Bryan H. Davidson, 30251; Stanley C. Spooner, 27393; Leonard C. Mitchard, 29009; Duane M. Byers, 33363; Jeffry

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Saffil Limited also authorizes Nixon & Vanderhye to delete any attorney names/numbers no longer with the firm and to act and rely solely on instructions communicated from the person, attorney, firm or other organization sending instructions to Nixon & Vanderhye on behalf of the owner.

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Saffil Limited, a corporation having a place of business at Pilkington-Sullivan Site, Tanhouse Lane, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0RY, England, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an Assignment from the Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, Imperial Chemical House, Millbank, London SW1P 3JF, ENGLAND, a copy of which is attached. Imperial Chemical Industries PLC held title by way of an Assignment from the inventors, a copy of which was recorded at the United States Patent Office on January 26, 1999 at reel 010442, frame 0897.

The undersigned (whose title is typed below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of Saffil Limited.

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